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## EPA moves ahead on Croydon cleanup

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a public meeting for Thursday, August 20 at 7 p.m.; at the Bristol Township municipal building to discuss the work plan for the Croydon Superfund site.

The work plan is available for public review at the Bristol Township building on Bath Road.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform residents of EPA's plans to perform a site investigation and to answer questions concerning how the investigation will be conducted. The Croydon study area comprises approximately four square miles surrounded by Interstate 95, Route 413, Neshaminy Creek and the Delaware River. The focus area is between State Road and River Road in the eastern portion of the site.

Ground water contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) is the main concern. TCE is a solvent that was once used as an industrial degreaser to clean equip-

ment and machinery. It is also a known human carcinogen.

Croydon residents are on a public water supply which is not contaminated. Residential wells which are used for other sources will be sampled as part of the remedial investigation.

Superfund is an \$8.5 billion fund appropriated by Congress for the cleanup of abandoned toxic waste sites across the country. Several steps are involved during a Superfund project. The first is development of a work plan which outlines the long-term remedial investigation and the feasibility study.

The remedial investigation consists of geological and hydrological studies, surface water and ground water sampling, soil sampling and air monitoring. When all of the data is compiled, a feasibility study will be developed, listing the alternative for cleanup of the site.

The first stages will take approximately 20 months to complete, with an estimated cost of \$700,000.

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